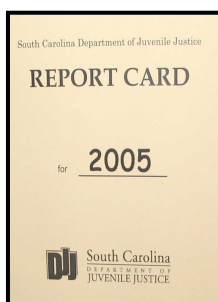




DJJ Featured in National Judges' Publication

The DJJ 2005 Report Card is held as an example of "openness taking place in the juvenile justice system in South Carolina," in the spring edition of *Juvenile and Family Justice Today*, a publication of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The article was written by a research associate at the National Center for Juvenile Justice.



The article states that "by vigorously and confidently taking the next and necessary step, the South Carolina DJJ is distinguishing itself as a bold and innovative leader in juvenile justice nationwide."

The complete *DJJ Report Card* is online under "Reports" at www.state.sc.us/djj.



Ribbon cutting at Dillon TASC

DJJ's newest Teen After School Center in Dillon opened July 13 under collaboration with the Successful After-School Sites, Inc. TASC will share the program's facility at 220 West Main Street in Dillon.

Ribbon cutting for the opening of the TASC site, "Project Helping Young People Excel" (HYPE), was supported by the Dillon County Chamber of Commerce. Dillon Senator Kent Williams and Representative Jackie Hayes were on program as well as DJJ Chief of Staff Dr. Kathleen M. Hayes and Deputy Director for Community Services Dr. Karry Guillory.



Office of Staff Development and Training and Dr. Kathleen Hayes

The Office of Staff Development and Training has been accredited through Excelsior College to offer up to 19 credits of college level Continuing Education Units (CEU's). For this achievement, SD&T staff were recently awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

The accreditation will allow staff who have completed and or will

complete specific training tracks to qualify for college credits. These credits may be applied towards a degree with Excelsior's (on-line) program, or transferred to other institutions affiliated with the college. SD&T will provide transcript(s). Tuition is paid by students directly to Excelsior College. More information is online at www.state.sc.us/djj or www.excelsior.edu (go to the CJTA page) or call 518-464-8572.

DJJ's JCO of the Year

On June 23, DJJ juvenile correctional and law enforcement officers were honored for their work during **JCO Peteet** a luncheon awards ceremony, which featured United States Attorney Reginald Lloyd as the keynote speaker. During the ceremony, JCO Donald Peteet, Jr. of the Midlands Evaluation Center was honored as the 2006 Juvenile Correctional Officer of the Year.



Staff to Attend National Initiative

Six DJJ staff members working in the community in the 3rd and 4th Judicial Circuits have been invited to participate in a Juvenile Drug Court Planning Initiative sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The planning initiative takes place August 7-11 in Boston, MA., at no cost to the agency.

Staff attending from the 3rd Judicial Circuit are Melissa DeVane and Angel Reed, Clarendon County; and Joe Castle and Cecilia Smith, Williamsburg County. Staff from the 4th Judicial Circuit are Rhonda Dew of Dillon County and Tracey McLeod-Williams of Marlboro County.

Around DJJ...

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators has donated \$2,000 to DJJ's school district in honor of State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum's service to South Carolina.

Doug Kratz has been promoted to the director's position in the Lexington County Office.

Colonel Robert Bell has joined Educational Services as the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC.

Evelyn Wardlaw has been chosen as president of the South Carolina National Association of Social Workers. Congratulations!